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REMARKS

In the above-referenced Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-11, 15, 17-19, 24, 25, 31-25, 38 and 39 were rejected. The remaining claims were objected to or indicated to be allowable.

Applicant has amended the claims into allowable form and respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 13 and 14 were not addressed in the Office Action and Applicant's amendments with respect to these claims are consistent with the Examiner's treatment of the remaining claims.

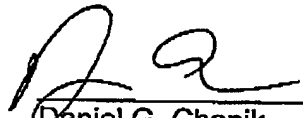
Applicant has made the above amendments to expedite prosecution and continues to traverse the rejections of record. As such, Applicant explicitly reserves the right to re-present to original, unamended and/or any unclaimed subject matter without prejudice or disclaimer in a subsequently-filed continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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